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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
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FIRE FOR THE DEAD The people of Sagada, Mountain Province, gather in a cemetery for "Panag-apoy" (to make fire) at dusk on Thursday, All Saints' Day. Combining Filipino practices with Anglican church rites, the ritual is intended to give warmth to the souls of the departed. (See story in Across the Nation, Page A18.)

White House race heats up

4 days to go: Obama, Romney make final dash



CLOSING ARGUMENTS US President Barack Obama (left) stumps for votes in Boulder, Colorado, and Republican challenger Mitt Romney (right) campaigns in Jacksonville, Florida, on Thursday.

LAS VEGAS, Nevada—Five days out from the US election, Barack Obama and Mitt Romney began their final frenzied dash across America on Thursday, offering closing presidential arguments to the faithful and the undecided.

After a rare political truce that allowed Obama to preside over federal response to this week's Superstorm "Sandy," which killed dozens and devastated parts of the Eastern seaboard, the candidates stopped pulling their punches and reengaged for the final round of their heavyweight presidential bout.

Obama dashed to Wisconsin, Nevada and then Colorado, while his challenger hit up voters in Virginia. Both converge on the critical battleground of Ohio on Friday.

Addressing a crowd in Las Vegas, Nevada, Obama praised citizens for coming together in the wake of the storm and urged voters to give him four more years in office.

"Even in the midst of tragedy, the situation on the East Coast has also inspired, because it reminds us that when disaster strikes, we see America at its best," he said.

"All the petty differences that consume us in normal times somehow melt away. There are

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NY Mayor Bloomberg comes out for Obama / A6

PH driver among 23 killed in Saudi blast

By Jerome Aning

THE DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs (DFA) has confirmed that an overseas Filipino worker was among the 23 people killed in a tanker explosion in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Thursday.

The charred remains of Florentino Santiago, a truck driver, were positively identified by his brother-in-law and another worker in the tractor company where they were employed, DFA spokesperson Raul Hernandez said.

Eight other Filipinos working for the tractor company whose warehouse was flattened by the

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Wife recalls unusual conversation / A11

Gov't places 158 more caves under protection

By DJ Yap

HIDDEN wonders may yet lurk in these caves.

More than 158 natural caves across the Philippines have been placed under varying degrees of protection from treasure hunters, polluters and vandals, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said yesterday.

The agency has released a new list of 158 caves it has classified for conservation, bringing

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WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION

Rising death toll, mounting anger

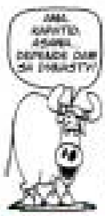
NEW YORK—From New York City's Staten Island to the popular beach towns of the Jersey Shore, rescuers and officials on Friday faced growing evidence of widespread destruction wrought by Superstorm "Sandy," mounting anger over delayed relief and a rising death toll.

The total killed in one of the biggest storms to hit the United States jumped by a third on Thursday alone, to 98. In New York City, 40 people have been found dead, half of them in Staten Island, which was overrun by a wall of water on Monday.

Among the dead in Staten Island were two young boys who were swept from their mother's arms after her car stalled in rising floodwaters. Their bodies

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Springsteen pays tribute to devastated home state / A6



There's nothing wrong with political dynasties, says Alan Cayetano

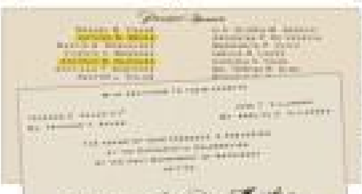
By Norman Bordadora

IT'S "WRONG, UNFAIR" to rail against political dynasties without identifying those who are corrupt and who aren't, reelectionist Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano told antidynasty advocates.

Cayetano has served in the same Senate with

THERE'S A11

Quintoses question 'improper ties'



A WEDDING invitation lists Justice Arturo Brion and retired Justice Antonio Nachura as sponsors at the wedding of the daughter of Jose Villarosa.

By TJ Burgonio

WHOSE side are these magistrates on?

The question begs to be asked as Supreme Court Associate Justice Arturo Brion and retired Justice Antonio Nachura are set to stand as principal wedding sponsors on Monday of the daughter of Jose Villarosa, whose case involving the 1997 killings of the Quintos brothers has reached the high court.

A brother of the slain Michael

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Foreign funds off limits in 4 areas

By TJ Burgonio

PRESIDENT Aquino has signed an executive order identifying four new areas, including real estate and health care, that are totally or partially off-limits to foreign investors.

49-percent ownership

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DAR open to CARP extension; militants say it's total madness

By TJ Burgonio and Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
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Access to good meds

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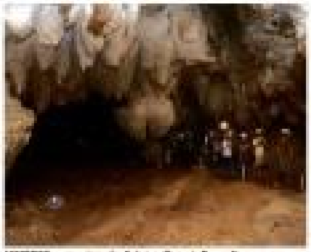
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BLOOMBERG gives Obama a big boost.

White House race heats up

'It isn't change'

Blip on the radar

Still Sandy

Obama endorsed

Rising death toll, mounting anger



TEMPERS FLARE Residents argue for their place in line while waiting to get fuel at a gas station in Queens, New York City on Thursday. The city reels from a fuel crisis in the aftermath of Superstorm "Sandy," reviving memories of the 1970s gas shortages.

Destruction

Angry victims

Damage

Crime fears

Scarce gas

Benefit concert

Springsteen pays tribute to devastated home state

INQUIRER Visayas

How ancient Visayans revered the dead

By [illegible]
Cebu City

IN 2011, a team of archaeologists led by professor Jose Eleazar Bersales and several staff members of the National Museum unearthed a burial site along the shoreline of Barangay Poblacion in San Remigio town, about 120 kilometers north of Cebu City.

The place is believed to be more than a millennium old based on the absence of foreign trade goods, such as porcelain ware. It could be one of the earliest human burial sites in the country.

The discovery particularly confirms what Jesuit Francisco Ignacio Alcina described in his work about the lives of the Visayan people in the 17th century.

Like the elaborate death practices in other cultures, it revealed how the ancient Visayans revered their dead and made sure that they would have the same comforts they enjoyed when they were alive.

Before the Spaniards arrived, the Visayans buried their dead mostly along the shoreline in the belief that the soul would journey (travel by boat) to [illegible], the afterlife where he or she would be met by [illegible], the god of the underworld.



ARCHAEOLOGIST Jose Eleazar Bersales (left) with some National Museum staff members document an excavated burial.



A CRUDELY incised burial jar recovered from the Iron Age site of San Remigio town, Cebu.

Wooden caskets

To facilitate this, the corpse was placed inside an elaborately designed boat-shaped coffin.

"Our Bisayans shared something with the civilized peoples," Alcina wrote, "concerning the longon or caskets which they made out of very hard and incorruptible wood."

The early Visayans must have truly provided their dead with the best caskets in that sometimes "there is hardly anything found in these except a bit of dirt, but the coffins remain intact."

Although the burials excavated in San Remigio were without coffins, jars were recovered. These vessels were considered secondary burials, which would mean that after the flesh had rotten, the relatives of the deceased exhumed the bones, washed them and placed them inside the jars.

Alcina called these jars [illegible], since some jars contained snakes when these were recovered.

Mourning

Like those who die today, the deceased was also prepared in the past.

Antonio de Pigafetta, the scribe of Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan's expedition, was able to document a ritual, two centuries earlier than Alcina. The practice may now be considered unhygienic but nonetheless expressed a family's sense of grief.

When a Visayan datu died, his female relatives performed the first mourning rituals.

After surrounding the dead, Pigafetta wrote: "there is a woman who cuts off the hair of the deceased. Another, who was the principal wife of the deceased, lies down upon him, and places her mouth, her hands and her feet upon those of the deceased. When the former is cutting off the hair, the latter weeps, and when the former finishes the cutting, the latter sings."

After the intimate ceremony, herbs that served as balsam were applied on the cadaver.

The body was then placed inside the casket—usually hewn out of a single trunk together with a tight-fitting lid. The lid had to be precisely fitted so that "no mouth ever escaped, not any air possible (sic) enter the casket."

Despite this, however, corruption of the flesh still took place.

Coffins in the house

If the datu died, his family may opt to keep the casket inside a small room in his house or they may "suspend the coffins high and close to the ceiling." This practice is now considered taboo.

If the coffin, however, would emit a foul odor, then they drilled "a hole" which would lead to the corpse.

A bamboo was then cut and cleaned of its knots then "they placed one end into the hole of the casket and the other into the ground." Alcina wrote that the stink sucked out the foul odor from the cadaver.

After a year, the bones were washed and "enclosed with scented oils and then placed into a smaller chest of incorruptible wood."

Oftentimes, the bones were placed inside huge earthenware jars.

For those coming from different status, they were often buried under their houses, called [illegible] (silong). "Whenever they buried someone in the silong, they remained six or seven days and nights making fires around it."

During the burial, they never took the dead out of the house through the stairway due to superstitious beliefs. "Therefore, they made an opening in the front wall for this purpose and quickly block it up lest anyone who would go through, would die immediately," Alcina wrote.

Grave goods

Because of foreign trading, the Visayans of Alcina's time already had imported bowls and plates which served as grave goods. Alcina mentioned that these bowls and plates were sometimes placed under the head of the deceased like pillows. This practice is referred to as [illegible].

The burial site found in San Remigio did have bowls and plates, but these were not porcelain wares since the graves were thought to be from the earlier Iron Age.

Alcina continued: "Aside from this large plate, if it was a woman, they placed on her breasts two bowls—that is, one on each. Also, a larger one over the forehead which may even cover the face."

Besides bowls and plates, they often included gold jewelry. When Spanish conquistador Miguel Lopez de Legazpi arrived in Cebu in 1565, some of his men reportedly looted some of the graves, to the horror of their relatives.

Just like the existing practice of [illegible], which is held nine days after a person's death, a ritual known as [illegible] was performed.

They did this by getting "fold of two green bamboos together with their leaves which they call lagdaling. They leaned them against the house and decorated them with garlands of palm leaves. From these also they made a kind of stairway which led from the cemetery to the ground."

The ceremony culminated in offering some food, such as butchered pig, chicken and [illegible] placed in a dish of cooked rice. As part of the offerings were oil and perfume (incense).

A babaylan (native priestess) would officiate in a ritual where the "soul of the deceased was coming to accept what was an offering to it."

It was believed that after performing the rites, the deceased would be contented and would not return to claim his wife, children or relatives and carry them away with him.

Across the NATION

Palparan grasping at straws, says lawyer

CITY OF MALOLOS—The families of missing University of the Philippines students Sherlyn Cadapan and Karen Empeño said the latest legal maneuver of fugitive retired Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan is making a mockery of the justice system.

Paoay folk mark 2 feasts of the dead



Relatives pay tribute to loved ones buried in landslide

Bicolanos remember 2 sentinels

2 suspects in murder of UST alumna nabbed in Cavite



MAGALING

Sagada lights up fires to warm their departed

Wife recalls unusual conversation: He said, 'I love you'

By Tina G. Santos

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To many plans

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PH driver among 23 killed in Saudi blast

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TANKER BLAST [illegible]

Tanker driver blamed

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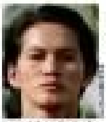
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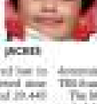
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Alcala bows out of World Jrs

Jackes rules Mini-ROK Cup, boosts 3-peat bid



Tsonga, Tipsarevic secure last 2 ATP finals slots

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TONY Parker of San Antonio launches the game-winning jumper over Oklahoma City's Serge Ibaka.

PH Azkals continue rise in rankings

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Sandy washes out Knicks-Nets match

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Paronda nails 2 titles



WINNERS celebrate with shooting chief Mikee Romero (middle).

Legaspi fires record 61, fuels St. Paul charge

Asian Am: Zaragosa way behind despite 70

Bayron storms to three-shot lead at PGM Eastwood Valley Masters

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Woman gives birth in Manila cemetery

Suspects so young yet so murderous



THE FUNERAL FAB FOUR. The business of dying on Araneta Avenue in Quezon City has been a four-cornered competition among Nacional (left), the first to open chapels there, and The Sanctuarium, Arlington, and La Funeraria Paz (below).

Accused in QC, Taguig killings aged 11, 18

QC's Araneta Avenue: Showcase strip for the Filipino 'burol'







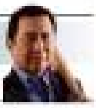


Most cops are diploma mill graduates

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Kin of 'desaparecidos' hold 'Undas' with hope, despair



Dogs, cats and bunnies have their day at pet cemetery



Rumors on Putin's health swirl after sked changes



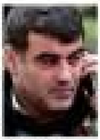
RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin (left) receiving consultation from a traumatologist in photo taken on Aug. 23, 2011

Celebrity status shielded BBC host from pedophile charges for decades



THE LATE British TV star Jimmy Savile in a 2001 photo

Greek editor acquitted in listing Swiss accounts



VAXEVANIS

China to halt prisoner organs system

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Globe scoops a Stevie for consumer advocacy campaign against telco monopoly

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Video shows rebels beating, executing 10 Syria soldiers

DAMASCUS—Syrian rebels killed 28 soldiers on Thursday, a watchdog said, amid a report they beat and executed some of them, as fighting raged in the country's northwestern battlefields.

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Technical assistance grant to build PH capacity

By Amy R. Remo

THE ASIAN Development Bank has granted a $500,000 technical assistance to the Philippine government to promote and build the country's wind power generation capacity under the bank's Quantum Leap in Wind Power program.

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Bond, equity markets to grow further in '13

By Michelle V. Remo

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Shoppers' hotel to rise in Tutuban

By Rica T. Olaivar

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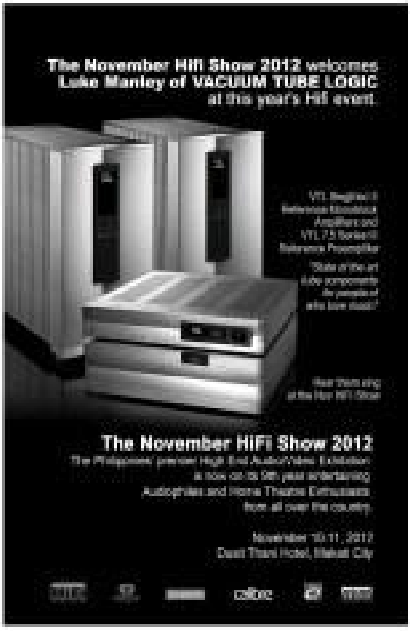
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Pinay doc pioneers Israeli skin tightening tech in PH



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PCCP, Novartis to raise public awareness on COPD

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Former President - Mayors' League, Marinduque
Former President - Vice Mayors' League, Marinduque



(January 08, 1945 - October 28, 2012)

passed away peacefully in the grace of our Lord on October 28, 2012.

His bereaved wife Ligaya Cruz, son [illegible] and daughter Camille, brothers, sisters, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Royal Chapel 1, Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Dr. A. Santos Ave., Parañaque City.

His interment will be at the Loyola Memorial Park, Parañaque City on Sunday, November 04, 2012 after the 8:00 AM Holy Mass.

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'Intangibles' still taboo in serious property talks

By Tessa R. Salazar

JUST A few days ago, several stories on TV, online and print talked about haunted sites. Inquirer Property asked experts how the topic of paranormal activities has been treated in real estate industry discussions. The reply was a resounding "no, it would not be taken seriously."

National Real Estate Association Chair Alejandro S. Mañalac put it in two words: "Hardly discussed."

Said Julius Guevara, Colliers International's associate director, advisory services and head of Consultancy and Research: "These discussions are always done in a hushed manner, since not all people believe in the supernatural. Some deals collapse because of these beliefs, despite the inherent physical and economic potential of the property.

"Of course, some developers take advantage of this and purchase the properties at a discount, and then put in place some mitigating strategies, such as consulting with a geomancer or configuring the project with a certain orientation. Potential buyers are sometimes made aware of these actions, and whether they believe in it or not is translated to the sales velocity of the project."

Taboo in board discussions

Enrique M. Soriano III, Ateneo program director for real estate and senior adviser for Wong + Bernstein Business, said that in his 25 years in the property sector and dealing with developers and housing associations, he has "never come across formal agenda debate topics related to paranormal activities. The latter is a good story for informal gatherings but taboo in board discussions."

Claro dG Cordero Jr., Jones Lang LaSalle Leechiu's head of research, consulting and valuation, said that in the Philippine setting, "paranormal activity is still not a mainstream issue in most real estate forums and discussions. The cases of extreme paranormal disturbance (at least those that have been reported) are still far and few in between."

Inquirer Property gave a scenario: What are the chances of a refund when a buyer, who paid cash for a property, comes rushing back to the developer, with the reason that there were naughty poltergeists in the house, and it was terrifying the owner and the children? The owner accuses the seller of not informing them beforehand of the possible presence of ghosts.

Guevara said that the developer may choose to ignore these claims, but at the end of the day it would not be prudent for him/her to do so, since the buyer may create bad publicity and affect the sales of other units in the same project. The developer and the buyer would both be better off if they could find a solution that would benefit both parties.

Soriano said: "Can the issue about the existence of a ghost in the property sufficient enough for a court to declare a contract void and have the deposit returned? The answer is doubtful as the legal process heavily relies on the rules of evidence. Additionally, judges and lawyers do not have the competence to prove the existence of paranormal activities related to real estate transactions."

No legal grounds

Lawyer Bobby Gonzaga said that "the developer/seller does not warrant, expressly or impliedly, that the house is free from ghosts. The developer generally warrants that his/her title is good and that the house is free from defects of material. He/she needs not seriously consider such a claim."

Gonzaga added: "The owner can go to court, but can he win? A sale of a house and lot is governed primarily by its Deed of Sale. In order for the buyer's claim to prosper, the Deed of Sale would have to contain a seller's warranty that the house is free from ghosts. Only then will the buyer's case prosper. The seller simply has to refer to the Deed of Sale for his/her defense—that there is no obligation to provide and guaranty that the house is ghost-free."

He explained that "the owner has the practical problem of presenting adequate and convincing evidence that such a ghost exists."

Cordero said that "generally, buyers are advised, caveat emptor (let the buyer beware)."

"However, there are available remedies both from the owner's and seller's side. In the United States, particularly in California, there is an existing law which does not compel the seller to reveal the history of the property, primarily any death on a property if it occurred more than three years prior to the sale," Cordero said.

"In the Philippine setting, we do not have such law, but the owners (or buyers) can compel the seller for moral and exemplary damages, provided that they can prove that they have actually suffered from serious fright and sleepless nights, brought about by the presence of the paranormal activities," he added.



FULLY furnished student dorm room at Upad with study area, kitchenette and bathroom



MYHOME magazine editor Jo Panlilid, event host Issa Litton, Tessa Valdes and One Mega Group's Meryll Yan



UPAD Residences interior designers Anne Gancias and Tessa Valdes of Tezza Group, Bango Salon owner Victor Dirago and Jun Patrono and Upad owner Narada Uy

'Upad' redefines dormitory living

My Square Meter

Tessa Prieto-Valdes



COLLEGE DORM life has just leveled up. University Pad Residences or "Upad" (www.university-pad.com.ph) has redefined dormitory living. Upad means a hip, condo lifestyle with awesome facilities and amenities. It was conceptualized by architect Jonathan Guu, working with Kingsville Property Holdings. Tezza Design Group's Anne Gancias handled the hip and colorful interiors of Upad. The group saw the need to improve and provide excellent housing for students living here and abroad. In short, why should students need to fight traffic daily when they can stay in Upads near their schools?

The first Upad is at 512 Pablo Ocampo St. in Malate, walking distance to three big schools—De La Salle University, College of St. Benilde and St. Scholastica. This premium student residence is secure and conducive for study and play. It's a home beside your school.

Upad is not the usual tight, overpacked and poorly ventilated dorm. These residences are equipped with loft beds, study area, shelves and closets with locks, cable TV, a compact yet functional kitchenette and a great bathroom. Each room has an intercom directly linked to the reception area.

They have a study lounge with free Wi-Fi, well-equipped gym, lap pool, recreation area and chapel. For the convenience of the residents, the building has laundry service, parlor and spa, and two floors of fast-food outlets and kiosks. Adding to all that, Upad amenities are close to many city hotels, in case parents are visiting and want to stay nearby.

The new building is equipped with fire exits and alarms, sprinklers, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors in every room, and a stand-by power generator. Daily garbage collection and weekly room service cleaning make it all too easy to stay at Upad.

Wash Up Wash Up provides daily laundry services and is right next to Bango Salon, which offers a full range of hair services and a private room for massages. These services are both located on the top floor offering a spectacular view of Manila skyline.

Security is a major focus of Upad. There are 24-hour stationed and roving security guards throughout the building. Close-circuit TV systems monitor all common areas, and all rooms have a Card Identification and Security Access System. Residential floors are gender specific.

The students living at Upad can personalize their spaces by checking out various interior design magazines. One of the country's top home and shelter publications is MyHome Magazine. Each issue is packed with beautiful interiors, design ideas and useful home tips.



BRIGHT and cheerful recreational area and welcoming pool of Upad



Vignette exhibit

In celebration of 12 years of advocating a beautiful home for every Filipino, MyHome presented "Decades of Design," an exhibit at the Mind Museum at Bonifacio Global City last Tuesday.

"Decades of Design" is a vignette exhibit inspired by iconic women, each the embodiment of timeless and elegant style. The women featured included interior designer Chat Fores, model and editor Apples Aberin and jewelry designer Jul B. Dizon. Each vignette also featured a chair that represented the design movement of their respective decades.

Jo Panlilid, editor of MyHome magazine, delivered the welcome remarks at the opening, followed by Meryll Yan, multiplatform publisher of One Mega Group. Host Issa Litton then joined Jo on stage to honor their most valued partners with a short program and an awarding ceremony. A silent auction was also held to bid out the complete furniture set from Cley, on display at the 2012 Anatia Gancias vignette.

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ELEGANT reception area of Upad Residences

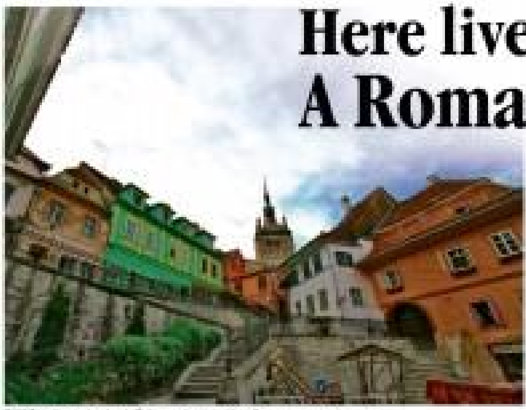
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LIFESTYLE Travel





Here lived Dracula: A Romanian holiday


STEPS leading to the plaza in Sighisoara, with the Clock Tower seen in the distance

The country is considered one of the most beautiful in Central Europe, with many well-preserved medieval towns. But it struggles to shed its reputation as the country of Vlad the Impaler, the original vampire

Text and Photos by Gisela Goby
Contributor

LONG BEFORE "Twilight," "The Vampire Diaries," and "Interview with the Vampire," there was "Dracula." Bram Stoker's 19th-century novel about a vampire count is considered as the basis for modern vampire fiction.

While Stoker's classic draws on folklore and myth, its character was inspired by a real person who lived in 15th-century Romania—Vlad Dracula or Vlad III Dracul, who ruled what was once the province of Wallachia in the mid-1400s. He was also dubbed Vlad Tepes (Vlad the Impaler) because he impaled his enemies.

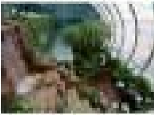
Vlad Dracula was born in the city of Sighisoara, located in the historical region of Transylvania, which became associated with vampires because of Stoker's novel. Count Dracula was from Transylvania and wanted to move to England.

Sighisoara (pronounced seeg-hee-swah-ra) was one of the cities I happened to visit.



Butterfly-watching—at Changi

Singapore extends its garden-city reputation to its much-awarded airport

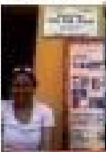






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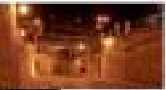














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Raymund Marasigan's Eraserheads 2012 Tour diary

'Soundcheck at 5 p.m. Skated inside the venue using Marcus' longboard ... Chaotic meet and greet'

By Raymund Marasigan
Contributor

OCT. 9, Tuesday, Manila

It's the day before the flight and it's hectic. ... And then I packed.

Oct. 10, Wednesday, Manila

I was at the airport at 4 a.m. ...

Oct. 10, Wednesday, San Francisco

RAYMUND D3

Keeping up with Rob and Kylie



Super sat down with Human's newest endorsers to talk about fashion, their famous family and their Filipino fans

By Pam Pastor

IT'S FRIDAY afternoon at Makati Shangri-La Hotel ...

They were there for two reasons—Rob Kardashian and Kylie Jenner.

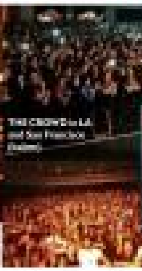
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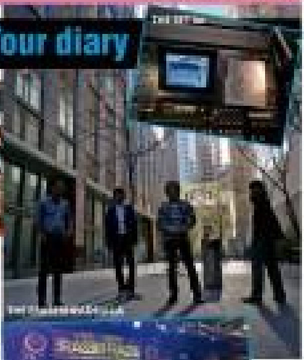


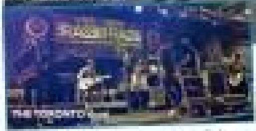


THE CROWD in LA and San Francisco



MARCUS at the San Francisco show



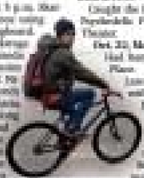


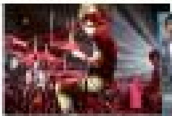


MARCUS skates in San Francisco



SKATING inside the Toronto venue

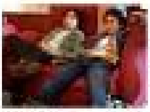








THE SMASHING Pumpkins at Universal



HOTEL California



BUDDY at the San Francisco show





Aidon's adventures in Alapaap

This is the true (and amazing) story of the Eraserheads' number one fan



OUTSIDE the Hollywood Palladium

High school

Roadblocks





AIDON chronicled his adventures on his Tumblr

Special access



WITH LeVon and Tim

Keeping up with Rob and Kylie





'I never thought they would come here'

Kylie Jenner and Rob Kardashian got a lot of love from Filipino girls. Super talked to some of them



Kylie's guide to dressing up

What should you wear to the mall, a first date, a party and a long flight? Here's what Kylie Jenner suggests

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A weekly directory of the country's best establishments — Where to Stop Where to Go

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Makati Shangri-La's wine whisperer

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Tin Hau offers tempting Yum Cha menu

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Embracing the Eraserheads



PLAYING at the Palladium

WEST COAST

Once again, we were young and carefree



THE AUTHOR (third from right) with friends lining up for the show

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Two coasts, two shows, two different experiences. Two fans share their Eheads concert tour stories



THE CROWD



THE HEADS at the Jersey City Armory

EAST COAST

Sounds of home

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Favorite song

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Like long-lost friends

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SATURDAY Special

Craig is licensed to thrill

By Rito P. Asilo

THERE ARE good reasons why "Skyfall," Daniel Craig's third outing as James Bond, is highly anticipated. Helmed by Sam Mendes, Agent 007's latest adventure is the 23rd big screen release of the action franchise, topbilled by various incarnations by Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan, George Lazenby and Craig.

The rating of Bond movies since 1962's "Dr. No" includes "Never Say Never Again," the 1983 "unofficial" remake of "Thunderball" (and Connery's final bow in the super-sleuth), and the 1967 spoof "Casino Royale," whose impressive cast included Orson Welles, John Huston, Woody Allen, William Holden and Deborah Kerr!

In "Skyfall," Bond's loyalty to M (Judi Dench) is tested as MI6 comes under attack. The film is getting high marks from critics: Variety describes the franchise's latest installment as a "smart, sexy and incredibly satisfying addition to the 007 oeuvre."

More exciting

If good reviews don't convince you to make a beeline for the box office, the presence of Craig's formidable costars—Dench, Ralph Fiennes, Albert Finney and Javier Bardem—should.

Not so, however, the reboot's biggest draw is Craig himself. Long before he wowed moviegoers with his skewed version of the iconic character in 2006's "Casino Royale" reboot, Daniel was an actor with depth, dramatic daring and dedication to the acting craft—on stage and in indie film productions.

We first noticed the actor in 2002, when we watched Caryl Churchill's "A Number," a riveting drama about cloning, directed by Stephen Daldry at the Royal Court Theatre in London.



CRAIG. Turned England's favorite spy into a thinking—and feeling—action hero.

Set in the not-so-distant future, the cautionary play examines the conflict between a father (Michael Gambon) and his three sons (all played by Daniel)—two of whom are clones of the first!

The following year Craig blew us away when we saw him on the big screen. Roger Michell's acclaimed British indie, "The Mother," follows May (Anne Reid), a lonely grandmother, who gets embroiled in a passionate affair with a young and married handyman, Darren (played to sinister perfection by a scathingly sexy Craig).

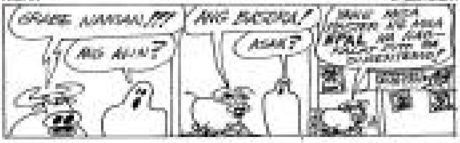
The actor's notable turn in "The Mother" jumpstarted an acting career that has been boosted by one choice triumph after another.

Craig's license to thrill was sealed when he was thrust into mainstream viewers' consciousness. He inherited James Bond's badge from Brosnan, then turned England's favorite spy into a thinking—and feeling—action hero!

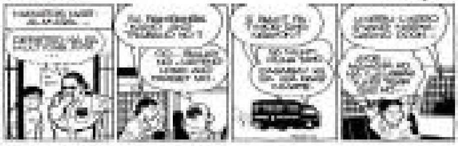
GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



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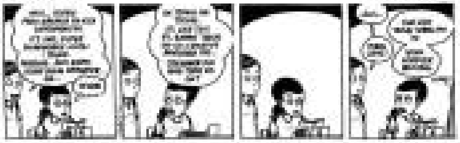


DICK TRACY — BY JOE STATON AND MIKE CURTIS

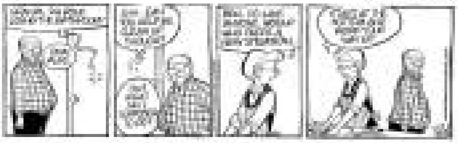


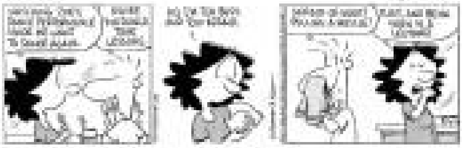
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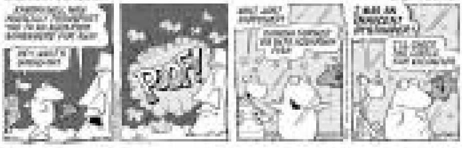




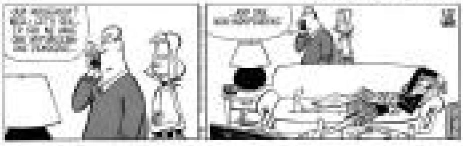
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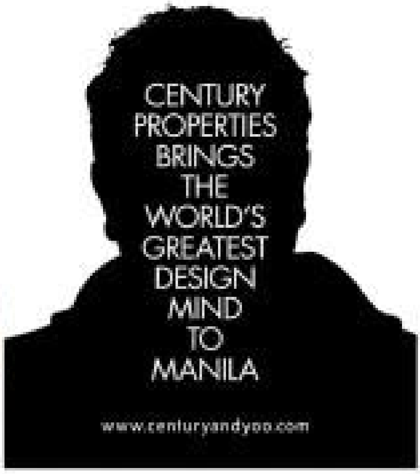


Romantic upheavals keep Taylor Swift pertinent



Filipino theater artists shouldn't have to plead for support



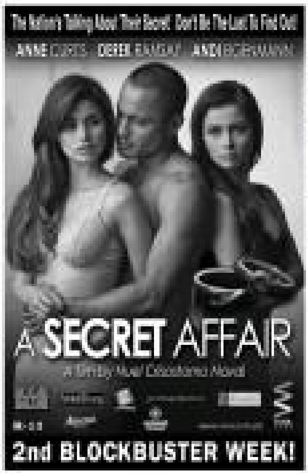






Doña Sisang's anniversary deserves more than just cursory notice



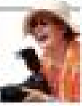






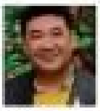


STREET SMART



Mandy Navasero

Halfway home



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Pixar's creative head misses Steve Jobs



LASSETER: "Steve set the bar really high."

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